

ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 19, 2008

LOCATION: AR State Police Headquarters
#1 State Police Plaza
ADEQ Training Room
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Flener, Joe M. Hill, DL Flowers, Chief Ronald Burks, Robert A. Parker, Col. Joe Moore alt. for Major General William D. Wofford, Laura Shue, Kermit Channell, Joseph Cooper alt. for David Guntharp, Chief Percy Wilburn, Sheriff Bobby May, Larry Jegley, Rita Shepherd, Teresa Belew, Rick Hart, Loren Ivener, J.G. Regnier, Rick Hart, Carol Roddy, Norith Ellison. Harold Clayton & Doris Smith alt. for Ann Purvis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tammy Harrell, Kent Williams, Megan Cuddy, Wanda Williams, Rick Gallagher, Judge Mary Ann Gunn, Deborah Caspall, Dennis Moore.

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Luckett-- Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Tommie Waters- OADAP Prevention
Jo Ann Warren-OADAP Prevention
Mark Stephen-Drug Director's Office, NG Counter Drug
Bishop Woosley, AG Office

VISITORS: Susan Rumph-RII PRC Coordinator
Bridget White- ASP HSO Administrator
Debra Hollis – ASP HSO Manager
Lt. Jerry Digman, ASP
Karen Perry, ASP

DRUG DIRECTOR, FRAN FLENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 PM.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed for review. After a review of the minutes, Chief Ronald Burks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING:

The minutes of previous special meeting were distributed for review. After reviewing the minutes, Chief Ronald Burks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:**

Chief Ronald Burks reported that the Law Enforcement Committee did not meet.

- **Treatment and Prevention Committee Report:**

Joe M. Hill reported that the T& P Committee did not meet.

- **Policy and Procedure Committee Report:**

Policy and Procedures Committee Report

In the absence of Chairman, Rick Gallagher, David Guntharp presented the report to the Council.

Lt. Jerry Digman and Karen Perry, Arkansas State Police (ASP) met with the committee to present their recommendation for the distribution of the Federal portion of the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund. Discussion centered on the requirement of separation of state and federal portions of the fund. The federal portion must be distributed by a law enforcement agency. AR Code 5-64-505 gives that authority to ASP. This year, \$340,000 is available for distribution to law enforcement agencies in Arkansas. The ASP committee has decided to award 6 grants of \$30,000 each with 2 for DTFs, 2 for City Police and 2 for Sheriff Depts. Lt. Digman presented the method by which grants would be ranked for distribution. Lt. Digman will report his committee's grant awards to the Council when they become available.

Motion was made by David Guntharp and seconded by Rita Shepherd to accept the recommendation of the ASP committee. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Distribution of Monthly Financial and Utilization Reports:

- Joe M. Hill introduced Pamela Fowler as the new Financial Officer for OADAP. He stated that Pamela is a veteran DHS employee that has amassed an impressive track record as a finance officer.
- **T&P Committee Report:** Pam Fowler distributed the monthly Summary Analysis of Funds Utilization Reports. She stated that a majority of the treatment and prevention programs were spending their funds as expected.
A motion was made by Chief Percy Wilburn and seconded by Kermit Channell to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Law Enforcement Report:** Harold Clayton distributed the Drug Law Enforcement Program FY 2007 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. He reported that there were no unusual activities and that everyone was spending their funds as expected.
A motion was made by Teresa Belew and seconded by Rita Shepherd to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: **APPEAL HEARING**
St. James United Methodist Church
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Phyllis A. Wilkins, Carol Mendhall, Dr. Josetta Wilkin of the St. James United Methodist Church appealed to the Coordinating Council to overturn the Coordinating Council's decision to award UAMS/AHECSA as Region 12 PRC.

Dr. Wilkins stated that she was aware that some wrongdoings had gone on with previous PRCs in Region 12 in the past and felt that they were entitled to be given a chance. She stated that her church could do what's expected in carrying out the program.

The Council members raised several keys questions with Phyllis Wilkins, Carol Mendhall, and Dr. Josetta Wilkins, regarding their understanding of the grant, and how it would be implemented. Phyllis Wilkins responded to various questions raised, and shared with the Council that they had been involved in the prevention field for many years. In that capacity, they have worked in Arkansas, Cleveland, Grant, Jefferson and Lincoln counties. She concluded their presentation by pleading to the Council to overturn the decision not to fund St. James United Methodist Church to operate the Region 12 PRC.

After a series of follow-up questions and comments by Council members, a motion was made by Larry Jegley and seconded by Loren Ivener to deny the appeal and that the Coordinating Council's decision remains. The motion passed with one abstention (DL Flowers) and one no vote (J.G. Regnier).

New Business:

Bridgett White, ASP-Highway Safety Office (HSO) Court in Hot Springs.

A request was made by Bridgett White of the ASP-HSO for funding to operate a pilot DWI Drug Court in Hot Springs. She reported that Arkansas was eligible for federal funds to operate a DWI Court but matching funds were required. Her agency was not able to provide the matching funding to meet the deadline of August 01, 2008.

After much discussion, the Council decided that there was not enough time to fund this pilot project. Ms. White was encouraged to meet with Joe M. Hill and Fran to explore future funding opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Drug Director, Fran Flener announced that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting for July 17, 2008 will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the AR State Police Headquarters, #1 State Police Plaza ADEQ Training Room, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks to adjourn and seconded by Rick Hart. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
*Denise Luckett***